



State Senator

March 22, 2004

**VALDE GARCIA**

*Serving the 22<sup>nd</sup> District*

*Shiawassee-Livingston-Southern Ingham counties*

## Legislative Update

The following bills were introduced this week. Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit [www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org) and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at [senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov).

### **BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE**

### ***A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District***

- SB 1095 MAIL-ORDER PHARMACIES (Bernero)  
Eliminates prohibition against mail-order pharmacies.
- SB 1096 CELL PHONE TERMINATION FEE (Jacobs)  
Establishes maximum early cell phone termination fee of \$15 or actual cost to the provider, whichever is less.
- SB 1097 LAKE LEVEL ASSESSMENTS (Scott)  
Exempts Department of Natural Resources from lake level special assessments.
- SB 1098 INTERDEPARTMENTAL FUND TRANSFER (Leland)  
Provides fund changes for interdepartmental transfers of funds within Department of Transportation.
- SB 1099 LOCATION INSURANCE RATE CHANGES (Scott)  
Prohibits essential insurers from refusing, limiting or charging different insurance rates due to geographic location.
- SB 1100 PUPIL INSTRUCTION HOURS (Allen)  
Allows a school district to count additional hours as pupil instruction due to structural roof and truss damage that required a school to be closed.
- SB 1101 LIQUOR MARKUP (Emerson)  
Increases markup allowed on liquor products to 74 percent from 65 percent.
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- SB 1120 MASON PROPERTY CONVEYANCE (VanWoerkom)  
Provides for conveyance of state owned property located in Amber Township in Mason County to the Mason County road commission.
- SB 1121 NURSE PRACTITIONER REIMBURSEMENT (Thomas)  
Reimburses nurse practitioners in medically underserved areas at the same rate as medical services provided by physicians in medically underserved areas.
- SB 1122 COUNTY SEAT RELOCATION (McManus)  
Revises procedure for relocation of county seat.
- SR 226 FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH (Kuipers)  
Establishes April as Financial Literacy for Youth Month.
- SR 227 MENTAL HEALTH MONTH (Brater)  
Names May 2004 as Mental Health Month in Michigan. SR 229
- SR 230 KRISTY WORTHEN (Hammerstrom)  
Honors Kristy Worthen and her "Shedding Light Tour."
- SR 231 WORLD HEALTH DAY (Basham)  
Recognizes April 7, 2004 as World Health Day.

## Committee Hearings

Hearing Dates, Times and topics are subject to change.

### House

<b>House Committee</b>	Judiciary
<b>Clerk Phone Number</b>	517-373-7256
<b>Location</b>	308 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 3/30/2004
<b>Time</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Agenda</b>	<p><a href="#">HB 5467</a> (Voorhees) Family law; marriage and divorce; prerequisites for issuance of a marriage license; require premarrriage program or longer waiting period.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 5468</a> (Stahl) Income tax; credit; marriage preservation tax credit; provide for.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 5469</a> (Hager) Family law; marriage and divorce; criteria for program to qualify for marriage preservation tax credit; establish.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 5470</a> (Vander Veen) Family law; marriage and divorce; divorce; require an educational predivorce program.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 5471</a> (Moolenaar) Children; childrens rights; parenting plan procedures and content; add to child custody act.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 5472</a> (Bradstreet) Family law; friend of the court; certain criteria for determining interests of the child; clarify.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 5473</a> (Wojno) Family law; marriage and divorce; recording of certain information on marriage license and certificate; require.</p> <p><a href="#">HB 5474</a> (Gleason) Family law; marriage and divorce; individuals who can accept payment and perform marriage and family counseling; expand.</p>
<b>Chair</b>	Representative Jim Howell

<b>Clerk Phone Number</b>	517-373-2013
<b>Location</b>	307 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 3/30/2004
<b>Time</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Agenda</b>	Representative Richardville is going to report to committee on status of manufactured housing fee structure legislation.  <a href="#">HB 5671</a> (Hune) Cities; annexation; notification to certain property owners of scheduled public hearings for annexation; require.
<b>Chair</b>	Representative Chris Ward
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<b>House Committee</b>	Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
<b>Clerk Phone Number</b>	517-373-8099
<b>Location</b>	327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 3/30/2004
<b>Time</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Agenda</b>	<a href="#">HB 5432</a> (Koetje) Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; waiver from license or registration certain requirements for individuals serving on active military duty; provide for.
<b>Chair</b>	Representative Mike Nofs
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<b>House Committee</b>	Agriculture and Resource Management
<b>Clerk Phone Number</b>	517-373-8538
<b>Location</b>	327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 3/30/2004
<b>Time</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Agenda</b>	<a href="#">HB 5695</a> (Meyer) Natural resources; nonnative species; inapplicability of NREPA to aquaculture; clarify.  <a href="#">HB 5665</a> (Bradstreet) State; purchasing; purchase of paper products; give preference to products that derive from sustainably managed forests or procurement systems.
<b>Chair</b>	Representative Tom Meyer
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<b>House Committee</b>	Commerce
<b>Clerk Phone Number</b>	517-373-5632
<b>Location</b>	519 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 3/30/2004
<b>Time</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Agenda</b>	<a href="#">HR 218</a> (Stahl) A resolution to call on the Governor to work with the Premier of Ontario to create a Michigan-Ontario commission on border-crossing streamlining and safety.
<b>Chair</b>	Representative Clark Bisbee
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<b>House Committee</b>	Health Policy
<b>Clerk Phone Number</b>	517-373-5795
<b>Location</b>	521 House Office Building, Lansing, MI
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, 3/30/2004
<b>Time</b>	10:30 AM
<b>Agenda</b>	<a href="#">SB 778</a> (Hammerstrom) Public employees and officers; public officer or employee of community mental health services program; allow to serve as public officer or employee of another legal or administrative entity.  <a href="#">HB 4760</a> (Hardman) Health; death; authorization from parents or legal guardians before cremation of minor; require.  <a href="#">HB 5225</a> (Condino) Health; death; rules and regulations for medical examiners when conducting an autopsy to determine the cause of an infant death; require department of community health to promulgate.  <a href="#">HB 5006</a> (Richardville) Health; occupations; conscientious objector policy act; create.  <a href="#">HB 5276</a> (Gleason) Health facilities; other; conscientious objection to providing or participating in certain health care services; allow by health facilities under certain circumstances.

[HB 5277](#) (Hummel) Insurance; health care corporations; conscientious refusal offering or providing certain health care benefits; allow.

[HB 5278](#) (Hummel) Insurance; health; conscientious refusal to offering or providing certain health care benefits; allow.

**Chair** Representative Stephen R Ehardt

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**House Committee** Tax Policy

**Clerk Phone Number** 517-373-0070

**Location** House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building

**Date** Tuesday, 3/30/2004

**Time** 12:45 PM

**Agenda** [HJR T](#) (Drolet) Income tax; rate; cap on income tax rate; provide for.

[HB 5502](#) (Wenke) Use tax; collections; implementation of a streamlined sales tax; provide for.

[HB 5503](#) (Byrum) Sales tax; collections; implementation of a streamlined sales tax; provide for.

[HB 5504](#) (Condino) Sales tax; collections; implementation of a streamlined sales tax agreement; provide for.

[HB 5505](#) (Koetje) Sales tax; collections; streamlined sales tax equalization act; create.

**Chair** Representative Lorence Wenke

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**House Committee** Government Operations

**Clerk Phone Number** 517-373-5795

**Location** 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

**Date** Tuesday, 3/30/2004

**Time** 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.

**Agenda** [HB 5198](#) (Nofs) Civil rights; open meetings; disclosure of certain information in minutes of public body; prohibit to avoid violation of family educational rights and privacy act.

[SB 653](#) (Leland) Environmental protection; funding; sunset on the baseline environmental assessment fee; extend.

**Chair** Representative James L Koetje

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**House Committee** Tax Policy

**Clerk Phone Number** 517-373-0070

**Location** 326 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

**Date** Wednesday, 3/31/2004

**Time** 9:00 AM

**Agenda** [HB 5501](#) (Lipsey) Income tax; credit; tax credit for donation of an automobile to a qualified charitable organization; provide for.

[HB 5653](#) (Nofs) Sales tax; exemptions; automobile provided to a qualified recipient by a qualified charitable organization; provide for.

[HB 5463](#) (Robertson) Single business tax; credit; tax credit for donation of an automobile to a qualified charitable organization; provide for.

[HB 5426](#) (Nofs) Use tax; exemptions; automobile provided to a qualified recipient by a qualified charitable organization; provide for.

[HB 5331](#) (Wenke) Single business tax; credit; start-up business; exempt from tax for tax years in which the business does not make a profit.

[SB 863](#) (Hardiman) Income tax; exemptions; start-up business; exempt from tax for tax years in which the business does not make a profit.

[HB 5341](#) (Milosch) Property tax; exemptions; start-up businesses; exempt from taxes for 5 years.

[SB 865](#) (Bernero) Property tax; other; start-up businesses; exempt from tax under [1953](#)

[PA 189](#) for 5 years.

[HB 5345](#) (Farhat) Income tax; city; start-up business; exempt from tax for tax years in which the business does not make a profit.

[SB 867](#) (Van Woerkom) Taxation; specific property; start-up businesses in commercial forests; exempt for a certain period of time.

[HB 5342](#) (Steil) Economic development; enterprise zones; start-up businesses in an enterprise zone; exempt for a certain period of time.

[SB 869](#) (Birkholz) Economic development; plant rehabilitation; start-up businesses; exempt for certain period of time.

[HB 5343](#) (Hummel) Economic development; obsolete property; start-up businesses; exempt for a certain period of time.

[HB 5335](#) (Stakoe) Economic development; enterprise zones; start-up businesses in neighborhood enterprise zone; exempt for certain period of time.

[SB 872](#) (Patterson) Economic development; other; start-up businesses in a technology park development; exempt for a certain period of time.

[SB 875](#) (Gilbert) Taxation; utility users; start-up businesses; exempt from tax for tax years in which the business does not make a profit.

**Chair** Representative Lorence Wenke

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**House Committee** Criminal Justice

**Clerk Phone Number** 517-373-7256

**Location** 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

**Date** Wednesday, 3/31/2004

**Time** 10:30 AM

**Agenda** [SB 783](#) (McManus) Crimes; other; antihazing act; establish.

[SB 784](#) (Cassis) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for hazing crimes; enact.

**Chair** Representative William Van Regenmorter

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**House Committee** Insurance

**Clerk Phone Number** 517-373-5795

**Location** 521 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

**Date** Wednesday, 3/31/2004

**Time** 10:30 AM

**Agenda** [HB 4987](#) (Newell) Insurance; insurers; differential treatment of local retail pharmacies and mail order pharmacies; prohibit.

[HB 5435](#) (Hummel) Insurance; other; pharmacy benefit managers; regulate.

[HB 5436](#) (Richardville) Health; pharmaceuticals; license and regulation of mail-order pharmacies; provide for.

[HB 5437](#) (Plakas) Insurance; health care corporations; differential treatment for certain pharmaceutical services; prohibit.

[HB 5438](#) (Zelenko) Insurance; prudent purchaser agreements; provisions regulating pharmaceutical panels and networks; provide for.

**Chair** Representative Larry Julian

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**House Committee** Employment Relations, Training and Safety

**Clerk Phone Number** 517-373-0070

**Location** 327 House Office Building, Lansing, MI

**Date** Wednesday, 3/31/2004

**Time** 2:00 PM or after committees are given leave by the House to meet, whichever time is later.

**Agenda** [HB 5599](#) (Hoogendyk) Labor; hours and wages; electronic payment of wages; allow employer to require.

**Chair** Representative Leon Drolet  
**House Committee** Appropriations: Joint Capital Outlay  
**Clerk Phone Number** 517-373-8080  
**Location** House Appropriations Committee Room, 3rd Floor, State Capitol Building  
**Date** Thursday, 4/1/2004  
**Time** 8:45 AM  
**Agenda** -Use and Finance Statements, various institutions.  
-UM-Dearborn planning document approvals.  
-SBA lease for Washtenaw Community College.  
**Chair** Representative Scott Shackleton

## Senate

**Senate Committee** Judiciary  
**Clerk Phone Number** 373-3760  
**Location** Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933  
**Date** Tuesday, 3/30/2004  
**Time** 12:00 PM  
**Agenda** [HB 5029](#) (Tabor) Natural resources; hunting; mourning doves; list as game and authorize natural resources commission to declare first open season for game.  
  
[HB 5307](#) (Van Regenmorter) Probate; trusts; uniform principal and income act; create.  
  
[SB 1051](#) (Cropsey) Probate; wills and estates; general amendments to the estates and protected individuals code; provide for.  
  
[SB 912](#) (Sanborn) Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of reproducing, altering, counterfeiting, forging, or duplicating Michigan personal identification card; enact.  
  
[SB 913](#) (McManus) State; identification cards; reproducing, altering, counterfeiting, forging, or duplicating Michigan personal identification card; increase penalties.  
  
[HB 5466](#) (Emmons) Probate; powers of attorney; length of delegation of parental powers by individuals serving in armed forces; extend.  
  
**Chair** Senator Alan L Cropsey

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**Senate Committee** Appropriations: Commerce, Labor & Economic Development  
**Clerk Phone Number** 3732420  
**Location** Senate Appropriations Room, 3rd Floor, Capitol Building, 100 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933  
**Date** Tuesday, 3/30/2004  
**Time** 3:00PM  
**Agenda** Unemployment Agency and Delays in the Claims System  
**Chair** Senator Valde Garcia

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**Senate Committee** Commerce & Labor  
**Clerk Phone Number** 373-2413  
**Location** Room 100, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933  
**Date** Tuesday, 3/30/2004  
**Time** 3:00 PM  
**Agenda** Presentation by the Michigan Association of Home Builders  
**Chair** Senator Jason Allen  
**Senate Committee** Finance  
**Clerk Phone Number** 373-1758  
**Location** Room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933  
**Date** Wednesday, 3/31/2004  
**Time** 1:00 PM  
**Agenda** [SB 1116](#) (Van Woerkom) Single business tax; deductions; income from certain federal

and state research programs and grants; provide for.

**Chair** Senator Nancy Cassis

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<b>Senate Committee</b>	Technology & Energy
<b>Clerk Phone Number</b>	373-7350
<b>Location</b>	Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, 3/31/2004
<b>Time</b>	3:00 PM
<b>Agenda</b>	Continued Discussion of the Michigan Broadband Development Authority
<b>Chair</b>	Senator Bruce Patterson
<b>Senate Committee</b>	Appropriations: Family Independence Agency
<b>Clerk Phone Number</b>	373-1801
<b>Location</b>	Room 210, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933
<b>Date</b>	Thursday, 4/1/2004
<b>Time</b>	8:30 AM
<b>Agenda</b>	Overview of Exemplary Family & Children Programs
<b>Chair</b>	Senator Bill Hardiman